

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, claim 23 was noted as allowed, claims 4 – 6, 8, 9, 11 – 16, and 18 – 22 were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to including all limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims, and claims 1 – 3, 7, 10, and 17 were noted as rejected.

Claim 4 has been amended to include all of the elements of its base claim, claim 1. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9 each depend in some form from claim 4. Claim 11 has been amended to include all of the elements of its base claim, claim 10. Claims 12, 13, 15, and 16 each depend in some form from claim 11. Claim 14 has been amended to include all of the elements of its base claim, claim 10. Claim 18 has been amended to include all of the elements of its base claim, claim 17. Claims 19 – 22 each depend in some form from claim 18.

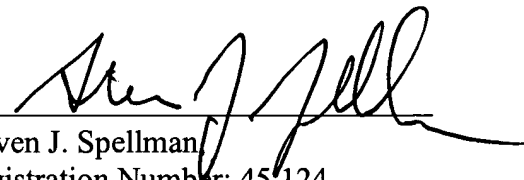
Claim 7 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 1 to claim 4. The amendment to claim 7 was made solely to correct an antecedent basis issue with respect to the phrase “after the step of calculating the gains”. The amendment of claim 7 was not made for any reason related to any references cited by the Office.

Claims 1 – 3, 10, and 17 have been canceled. The cancellation of claim 1 – 3, 10, and 17 should in no way be interpreted as acquiescence to any reasons for rejection of claims 1 – 3, 10, and 17 set forth by the Office. Rather, Applicants are canceling claims 1 – 3, 10, and 17 at the present time solely in an effort to move the present application more quickly to issuance. Applicants will be presenting claims 1 – 3, 10, and 17 in a continuation application. The Office’s reasons for rejection of claims 1 – 3, 10, and 17 will be addressed and traversed in the course of prosecution of the continuation application.

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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